GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2643
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2001
PARTICIPATION IN CANTONMENT COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local Members of Parliament are members of Cantonment Board Parishads;

(b) if so, the reasons for not inviting the local Members of Parliament in the meeting of Cantonment Board Parishads and depriving them from active participation;

(c) whether the Government have issued any guidelines to Cantonment Board Parishads to associate local M.Ps. in their meetings;

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to amend the Cantonment Act, 1924 to nominate the Member ofParliament of the concerned area as a Member of the Cantonment Parishad; and

(e) if so, the time by which such an amendment would be made in the cantonment Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e): This issue will be addressed at the time when framing of a new Cantonments Act is taken up. No definite time schedule has been fixed for this exercise.